

April 9, 2003

**Country of Origin Labeling Program
Agricultural Market Service, USDA, Stop 0249, Room 2092-S
1400 Independence Ave SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-0249**

Dear Gentlemen:

I have followed the COOL program from its very beginning through representation of R-Calf organization. It is of utmost importance this program be enacted without all the false information of the lobbyists from packers and huge business.

For thousands of us small and large cow-calf ranchers, for the very survival of the nation's cattle business, I urge you to enact this program in the very simplest of forms. All imported cattle must be tagged and all box beef must be tagged and on further usage as imported from originating country.

Also, it is very important we include Canada and Mexico as importing countries.

This is as the law states and I hope your department and legislators are not intimidated by big business and packers. This is very workable, all other imported products are marked the country they are made in.

I urge you to listen and act on R-Calf recommendations as my spokesperson for Country of Origin Labeling.

Sincerely yours,

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